

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A joint connector comprising:

a terminal received by a terminal receiving chamber in a connector housing; and

a coupling member to electrically connect a plurality of terminals with each other,

wherein a supporting part to slidably support the coupling member is provided at a wall of

the terminal receiving chamber,

wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided at the terminal to clip the coupling member at a slide end of the supporting part.

Claim 2 (original): The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the supporting part at the wall to slidably support the coupling member is a notch,

wherein a positioning member, with which a side part of the coupling member comes into

contact, is provided at starting side of a slidable part of the notch to prevent the coupling member

from lateral displacement.

Claim 3 (original): The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the supporting part at the wall to slidably support the coupling member is a notch,

wherein an engaging part to prevent the coupling member from lateral displacement is provided at stopping side of a slidable part of the notch,

wherein a mating part to be engaged with the engaging part is provided at the coupling member.

Claim 4 (original): The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the coupling member has a joint piece, a plurality of slidably contacting pieces being continued to the joint piece, and a vertically contacting piece being provided vertically on each slidably contacting piece,

wherein the vertically contacting piece is clipped by the resiliently clipping members of the terminal.

Claim 5 (original): A terminal comprising:

an electrically contacting part at one side; and

an electric wire connecting part at the other side,

wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided between the electric contact part and the electric wire connecting part to clip a coupling member, said coupling member connecting the terminals with each other.

Claim 6 (original): The terminal as described in claim 5,

wherein the resiliently clipping member has a rear anchor continued to the electric contact part and a pair of free ends, said free ends being continued to the rear anchor and clipping the coupling member.

Claim 7 (original): The terminal as described in claim 6,
wherein the pair of free ends is continued to the rear anchor and extended in a longitudinal
direction of the electric contact part.

Claim 8 (original): The terminal as described in claim 6,
wherein while the pair of free ends is formed in a folded shape, a tip part of each free end
rises in a direction orthogonal to the longitudinal direction of the electrically contacting part.

Claim 9 (original): The terminal as described in claim 5,
wherein the tip part of the resiliently clipping member is formed to have a tapered opening.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The joint connector as described in claim 1,
wherein [[the]] ~~a terminal as described in claim 5~~ is used in the joint connector, wherein the terminal
comprises:

an electrically contacting part at one side; and
an electric wire connecting part at the other side,
wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided between the electric contact part and the
electric wire connecting part to clip a coupling member, said coupling member connecting the
terminals with each other.